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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - PROPOSED LETTER OF
INTENT ON ISRAELI F-15 PURCHASE (S/S NO. 7525297)

FOR SECRETARY FROM SOBER

1. STATUTORY 20-DAY WAITING PERIOD ENDS TODAY ON PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS EARLIER THIS MONTH COVERING SALE OF 25 F-15'S TO ISRAEL AT ESTIMATED VALUE OF 600-700 MILLION DOLLARS. ISRAELIS HAVE DECIDED TO OPT FOR EARLY DELIVERY OF FOUR F-15'S IN R&D CATEGORY, WITH REMAINDER TO COME FROM PRODUCTION. FINAL LETTER OF OFFER IS EXPECTED TO BE READY TO SUBMIT TO GOI BY JANUARY 9, AND SOME FURTHER TIME WILL BE NEEDED FOR NEGOTIATION. MEANWHILE, DSAA GENERAL FISH HAS ASKED FOR OUR CONCURRENCE IN ACCEPTING ISRAELI LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE UP TO 20 MILLION DOLLARS IN LONG-LEAD ITEMS FOR THE AIRCRAFT BUY.

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ITS EFFECT WOULD BE TO ENABLE PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO BEGIN

AT ONCE ON CRITICAL LONG-LEAD ITEMS IN ANTICIPATION OF
LATER SIGNING OF LETTER OF OFFER, AND HELP US TO MEET
PROMISED AIRCRAFT DELIVERY DATES. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY
REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT CONCUR IN PROPOSED LETTER OF
INTENT BUT WOULD LIKE YOUR APPROVAL BEFORE WE CONVEY SUCH
CONCURRENCE TO GENERAL FISH.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO CONVEY OUR CONCURRENCE IN
PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT FOR ISRAELIS TO PURCHASE UP
TO 20 MILLION DOLLARS IN LONG-LEAD ITEMS CONNECTED WITH
F-15 PURCHASE.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

3. CLEARED: M - MR. EAGLEBURGER (SUBS); PM - MR. GOODBY
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